Village of Baldwin

Baldwin, Mi 49304

REGULAR MEETING,

for October 12 , 2026

Location of meeting: Village of Baldwin Hall
620 Washington St., Baldwin Mi 49304

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: President Harold Nichols, Tim Jannereth (Remote attendance) , Kelly Zoellner, Pam Anderson Theresa Lamb, Clerk

Absent: N o n e

Guests: Attorney Cindy Wotila

. Agenda:

- K. Zoellner moves to accept the agenda, supported by P. Anderson, All Ayes. 0 Nays, 0 Absent, Motion Carried.

Minutes:

- The minutes from the September 14, 2026 meeting were approved with a motion from K. Zoellner, and support from P. Anderson, brought an all Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
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Financial Report:

- Financial reports for the month of June were Accepted as presented. P. Anderson moved with support from K. Zoellner. All Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills:

- The bills for the month of September 2026 were presented to the council for payment approval. A motion from K. Zoellner, and support from P. Anderson brought a roll call vote : President Nichols, Aye., K. Zoellner, Aye, and T. Jannereth, Aye and P. Anderson, Aye. All Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- There were no public present

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Martin was not in attendance.

Attorney Report:

- Ms. Wotila presented her report and discussed the options and steps to enforce the Village Ordinance Code for prosecuting blight properties that continue to be non-compliant. Ms. Wotila went on to explain she has been working with Bobbi Keefer from the Lake Couty Courts on procedures for formal and informal hearings,
  Attorney Wotila informed the council they need to establish a fee schedule for Civil Infractions. The council discussed the fee schedule and ultimately decided a $100.00 fine will be set for all Civil Infractions, with the schedule being regularly updated .
  A motion from P. Anderson and support from K. Zoellner brought a unanimous vote to impose a $100.00 Civil Infraction for Ordinance violations, following a verbal warning, and written warning of non-compliance. All Ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, with one member remote attendance. Motion carried.
- The Village Council requested a review of the authority of the Village over the **Baldwin Housing Commission** pertaining to the by- laws, limitations, and oversight of the statutes.
  The Village has the right to create specific resolutions or ordinances, specifically the conditioning the compensation of an officer or employee upon approval of the council .(MCL 125.655), also the approval of real property transactions (MCL 125.661).

Building and Grounds, Airport:

Airport:

- Nothing new at this time.

SPARK Grant Update:

- The Hollister Park renovations have been completed; the grand opening has taken place. The splash pad was a big hit while the weather was permissible, it has now been shut down and winterized.

DDA/ Pure Markette:

- The DDA is moving forward with the placement of banner poles, currently seeking MDOT permits.

WWTP/Water:

- Please see IAI written report.

Streets and Equipment:

- The MDOT Traffic Calming project is underway. New sidewalks, crosswalks and ADA crossings are currently underway.

. Clerk/Office Mgr:

- The Clerk briefed the council on the BS&A Conference she attended. The need to upgrade

the accounting system to Cloud is necessary, many changes and upgrades will be necessary to complete the transition.

- She will attend a meeting with BS&A representatives on November 22, 2026 @ 10:30am, to gain more knowledge on the system upgrade, including costs to the Village for the transition.

Planning/Zoning:

- The Planning Commission will meet October 26, 2026 @ 7:00pm.
- Secretary Tamara Pore' has resigned from the commission. P. Anderson has been appointed as the acting secretary.

Ordinance Enforcement:

- See written report.

New Business:

- Village Council members discussed the need for clearing of the "stump dump" that remains full from tornado damage from 2024. P. Anderson to contact the local fire departments requesting a controlled burn of the debris.

Old Business: .None

Adjournment:

P. Anderson moved to adjourn the council meeting at 7:55 pm, with support from T. Jannereth. All Ayes, O Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Next Meeting : NOVEMBER 9, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Minutes taken and typed by
T. Lamb, Village Clerk